Office Superintendent Alien Passengers,

No. 59 LONG WHARF,

Boston, Sept 13th 1861.

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My dear Sir,

My colleague Dr Wheelwright today informed me that some days since you called to see me relative to some Africans lately exhibited at the Aquarial Gardens. From the statement made me by Dr W. I infer that they have not yet been returned to their native land according to the contract made with them when they were induced to leave it.

Some time since these parties were brought to me by two citizens of Boston stating that they had been abandoned by the parties who had induced them to come to this country.

The case struck me as one so grossly wrong that I sent the matter to the chief of Police hope-

-ing he would look at the case
in its moral point of view & that
the Mayor would notify the parties
who were carrying on the Aquarial
Gardens that if these ~~case~~ people
became a public burden that he
would use his influence to take away
their license as public showmen,
but in a communication in reply to
my note the Chief looked upon the
case as one belonging Exclusively
to the State & not to the city -
At the same time I wrote my
Letting, a copy of which letter
I send you also his reply & my
reply thereto -
I would state that I consider
the bond given the state for these
men, (without which I declined to
allow them to land) good, as the
Captain of the ship is holden on
it - but it would be hard to impose

the penalty on him and I doubt not if the case was fully stated to the Court of Insolvency if Cutting & Butler have not got their discharge that the Judge would set aside from the assets of the firm a sum sufficient to comply with the demands of their bond to them & the claims of humanity -

Anything I can do to aid you in this matter sir shall be done -

Your very respectfully

Edw Hamilton.

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